

In the Specification:

Page 3, replace the second paragraph, lines 5-9, with a new paragraph as follows:

--Essentially, when coupling for transmission of ultrasound energy along an independent axis between a tool receptacle and a tool, opposing two ~~oppositely~~ oppositely directed contact surfaces are present, which can be axially pre-stressed, whereby at least one contact means has at least one axially directed, linear or pointform contact tip. Linear is not limited to rectilinear but may be curvilinear or annular.--

Page 4, replace the fourth paragraph, lines 9-10, with a new paragraph as follows:

--Fig. 2 is another embodiment of the invention ~~shown~~ shown in an axially extending side view partly in section; and--

Page 5, first and second paragraphs, lines 2-8, replace with two new paragraphs as follows:

-- According to Fig. 2, in a rotationally symmetrical coupling 1 contact tips ~~6~~ 6' are directed facing towards each other on both contact means [[4a,

4b]] 4a', 4b' and are arranged in a ring configuration and linearly coaxially engage each other.

According to Fig. 3a – Fig. 3d many different contact tip embodiments, represented exclusively on the tool receptacle 2 2'', 2''', 2'''', are possible. Fig. 3a represents an annular or ring shaped linear contact tip 6 6', Fig. 3b shows three pointform contact tips 6, Fig. 3c has two crossing linear contact tips 6 6''' and Fig. 3d shows a diagonally extending linear contact tip 6 6''''.